

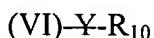
**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

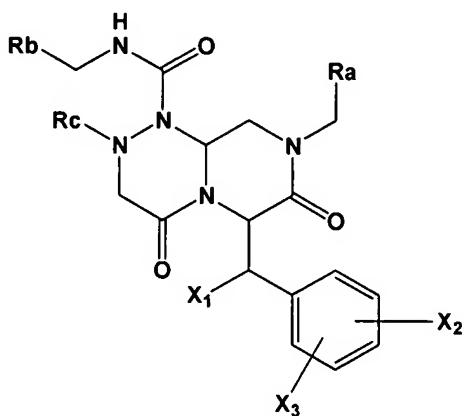
**Listing of Claims:**

1-7. Canceled.

8. (Currently Amended) A compound having the following formula (VII)



wherein (VI) is the formula:



wherein when not linked to R<sub>10</sub>,

R<sub>a</sub> is a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more substituents wherein the one or more substituents are independently selected from one or more of amino, amidino, guanidino, hydrazino, amidazonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>dialkylamino, halogen, perfluoro C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, nitro, carboxy, cyano, sulfuryl, and hydroxyl groups; a benzyl group; a substituted benzyl group with one or more substituents where the one or more substituents are independently selected from one or more of amino, amidino, guanidino, hydrazino, amidazonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>dialkylamino, halogen, perfluoro C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, nitro, carboxy, cyano, sulfuryl, and hydroxyl group; or a bicyclic aryl group having 8 to 11 ring members, which may have 1 to 3 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur;

R<sub>b</sub> is a monocyclic aryl group having 5 to 7 ring members, which may have 1 to 2 heteroatoms selected from nitrogen, oxygen or sulfur, and aryl ring in the compound may have one or more substituents selected from a group consisting of halide, hydroxy, cyano, lower alkyl, and lower alkoxy groups;

R<sub>c</sub> is a saturated or unsaturated C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy, perfluoro C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl group; and

X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, and X<sub>3</sub> may be the same or different and independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxyl, and halide; and

wherein one of R<sub>a</sub>, R<sub>b</sub>, R<sub>c</sub>, X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, and X<sub>3</sub> is linked to R<sub>10</sub> via Y,

Y is an oxygen, sulfur, or nitrogen of a group selected from in R<sub>a</sub>, R<sub>b</sub>, or R<sub>c</sub>, or an oxygen in X<sub>1</sub>, X<sub>2</sub>, and or X<sub>3</sub>; and

Y-R<sub>10</sub> is phosphate, hemisuccinate, phosphoryloxymethyloxycarbonyl, dimethylaminoacetate, an amino acid residue, or a salt thereof, or R<sub>10</sub> is phosphoryloxymethyloxycarbonyl or a salt thereof.

9-11. Canceled.

12. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 8 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

13. (Previously Presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 12 comprising a safe and effective amount of the compound.

14-15. Canceled.

16-42. Canceled.

43. (Currently Amended) The compound of claim 8, wherein when not linked to R<sub>10</sub>,

R<sub>a</sub> is a phenyl group; a substituted phenyl group having one or more substituents wherein the one or more substituents are independently selected from one or more of amino, amidino, guanidino, hydrazino, amidazonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>dialkylamino, halogen, perfluoro C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, nitro, carboxy, cyano, sulfonyl, and hydroxyl groups; a benzyl group; a substituted benzyl group with one or more substituents where the one or more substituents are independently selected from one or more of amino, amidino, guanidino, hydrazino, amidazonyl, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkylamino, C<sub>1-4</sub>dialkylamino, halogen, perfluoro C<sub>1-4</sub>alkyl, C<sub>1-3</sub>alkoxy, nitro, carboxy, cyano, sulfonyl, and hydroxyl group; a naphthyl group; a quinolinyl group; an indazolyl group; or a benzpyrazolyl group; an isoquinolinyl group; and

R<sub>b</sub> is phenyl, pyridyl or piperidyl, all of which may be substituted with one or more substituents selected from a group consisting of halide, hydroxy, cyano, lower alkyl, and lower alkoxy groups.